THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d). Requests have been received from Government of Gujarat from time to time for the allocation of gas from Mid-Tapti and South Tapti to the Pipavav power project. It has been decided to take the gas from Mid-Tapti and South-Tapti to Hazira to meet the existing commitments ex-Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline, Government of Gujarat have been advised to base the pipavav power project on alternative fuel.

Requirement of States for Petroleum Products

1260. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh request for the supply of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene have been received from any State, particularly from the State of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, how much quantity of these items has been requested and how much has been supplied during the first quarter of this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b). Petrol and diesel are supplied in full as per the requirement every-where all over the country. Kerosene is an allocated product, Central Government makes bulk allocation to the States on historical basis, who manage its retail distribution.

Requests are received for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. However, on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved, it is not possible to meet the full demand of the States. Moderate increase has been given to Gujarat during the past year and the current year.

The consumption of petrol, diesel and kerosene in Gujarat during the first quarter of 1994-95 is given below:—

*Figs. in TMTS

PETROL	75.62
DIESEL	439.69
KEROSENE	190.86

*Provisional

New LPG Bottling plant in Saurashtra Region of Gujarat

1261. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new LPG bottling plant in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat State to cater to the customers of the Saurashtra and Kutch regions of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the estimated cost of the project and location of the bottling plants;

(d) whether there is any collaboration with any foreign company for setting up of the proposed plant in this region; and

(e) if so, what is the name of the foreign agency and the terms and conditions settled therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set up a LPG bottling plant with a capacity of 44 TMTPA at Tangadi near Bhavnagar in saurashtra region with an estimated cost of Rupees 36 crores by Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.